States/Union Territory	All India Radio		Doordarshan	
	Area	Population	Area	Population
	%	%	%	%
Meghalaya	96	96	94.6	97.2
Mizoram	92	95	67.0	72.3
Nagaland	95	96	43.4	47.2
Orissa	97	98	78.2	81.8
Punjab	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
Rajasthan	92.5	98.5	41.8	63.7
Sikkim	44	74	77.4	95.0
Tamil Nadu	99	99	91.2	91.3
Tripura	99*	99*	93.3	93.3
Uttar Pradesh	89	97.5	79.1	92.4
West Bengal	99*	99*	95.4	96.0
11. *UNION TERRITORIES*				
A & N Islands	80	85	23.0	99.0
Chandigarh	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	99*	99*	40.0	43.6
Daman & Diu	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
Delhi	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
Lakshadweep Islands	99*	99*	99.0	99.0
Pondicherry	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
NATIONAL COVERAGE	89.9	97.2	68.4	85.4

AIR—* Coverage in these States can normally be taken as 100% i.e. without taking into consideration the special requirement of certain situations.

DDn—(i) Coverage figures are inclusive of fringe areas (elevated antennae and boosters are required for satisfactory reception in fringe areas).

DDn—(ii) Terrain conditions not taken into consideration.

Value of US Dollars purchased by Reserve Bank of India

1543. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of US dollars purchased by the Reserve Bank of India or other authorised agencies of Government in the post budget period;

(b) whether any such purchases were made as a result of weakening of US dollar in the international market; and

(c) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India purchases US dollars from the market when offered for sale by the Authorised Dealers in foreign exchange in India. Such purchases, however, are a result of the overall position in the Indian foreign exchange market and they do not reflect the exchange rate position of the US dollar in the international market. In the post budget period the foreign exchange reserves of the country comprising foreign currency assets of the RBI, gold held by the RBI and SDRs, declined by US $ 2,768 million from a level of US $ 24,550 million as on March 16, 1995 to a level of US $ 21,782 million by the end of November, 1995.